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CHURCHMEN TO AUTO THEFT PROBLEM

WITH PROPOSALS SUGGESTED BY MAYOR

THE AUTO THEFT EPIDEMIC THE ANTI CRIME
JERSEY COMMITTEE OF BLACK CHURCHMEN (NNJCBC)
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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SUCH AS CAR THEFT
RECTATIONAL GUIDANCE. JAIL OR OTHER FORMS OF
TIES OR OTHER HARSH MEASURES ARE NOT THE
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RECENT MEETINGS WITH THESE YOUNG PEOPLE

SUGGEST THAT THEY DO WISH FOR PROPER GUIDANCE BE IT FROM FAMILY, OTHER
ADULTS OR INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE CHURCH. THEY DO CRY OUT, HOWEVER
UNCONSCIOUSLY, FOR SELF-ESTEEM AND RECOGNITION AS PART OF SOCIETY.

NOT RECEIVING ANY OF THESE ATTRIBUTES, THEY RESORT TO ANTI-SOCIAL
BEHAVIOR OUTSIDE AS A RESULT OF PEER PRESSURE. PEER PRESSURE THUS
FILLS THE VOID -- PEER RECOGNITION BECOMES THE GOAL TO ACHIEVE.

THE CHURCHES WILL BE IN THE VANGUARD OF SUCH A MOVEMENT
 CHURCHES TO ACT AS SURROGATE PARENTS IN CASES WHERE SO NEEDED.
 RECRUITMENT OF YOUTH LEADERS TO EXERT PEER PRESSURE.

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BOOY
 THE CHURCHES DO NOT PLAY A VITAL ROLE
 THEY MUST BE PROPERLY CHANNELLED. WE DISAGREE
 TO KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE WHOLESOMELY
 SOCIAL BEHAVIOR.
 THESE INSTITUTIONS MUST PRODUCE
 THROUGH COMBINED EFFORTS OF CHURCH, CIVIC
 ACT DIFFERENTLY TOWARD THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.
 YOUNGSTERS FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEMSELVES AND HAVE A
 PROMOTION OF SELF-ESTEEM.

WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?

OF HOPELESSNESS PARTIALLY COMPLETES THE PICTURE.
 "DOUGHNUTTING," BOREDOM COUPLED WITH FRUSTRATION, DESPAIR AND A SENSE
 SOMETHING TO DO. HENCE THE CARNIVAL-LIKE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING
 THAT LIFE IN THE INNER CITY IS A "BOREDOM" AND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR
 OTHER INSIGHTS GAINED FROM CONFERENCES WITH THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IS
 CAR THIEVERY; THE MORE CARS STOLEN, THE GREATER THE RECOGNITION.
 IN THIS KIND OF MINDSET, JAIL BECOMES A STATUS SYMBOL--AS DOES

AUTO THEFT PROBLEM

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